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日本人従業員の安全を守る

今号のインタビューは、キャン プバトラー安全管理部の安全計 画管理官、古堅節子さんです。

編集者: どんなお仕事です

古堅さん:主に、海兵隊で働 く日本人従業員のための安全衛 生プログラムの管理・指導をし ています。例えば、日本人監督 者安全衛生委員会の四半期ご とのミーティングを企画したり、 監督者全員に対して、日米の安 全衛生法に従って職場での安全 を確保する責任について説明を 行ったりしています。また各事 務所に行き、棚やデスクの配置 や配線が適切かどうかも検査し ます。日本人従業員が怪我をし た場合は、再発防止のための原 因調査もします。

編集者:日本人従業員に対す る安全対策が主なお仕事なの ですね?

古堅さん:そうです。ただ、安 全管理部は在沖海兵隊基地の 安全に関する事を担当している ので、私も米国人向けのプログ ラムを手伝うこともあります。例 えば、年に2回行っている安全 講習に沖縄県警や海上保安庁 の方を招いて海兵隊員や民間人 従業員に講話をしてもらうこと があるのですが、その際には私 が連絡を担当します。海上保安 庁は水難事故防止を呼びかけ、 沖縄県警は日本の交通法規に 関する説明をして飲酒事故防止 を強調します。

私は、この講話を聞いて、海 兵隊員たちに自分は国の代表 なのだという意識を持って欲し いと思っています。もし一人が 判断を間違うと、海兵隊員全員 の評判を傷つけることになりま すよね。海兵隊に勤めて27年 になりますが、私が直接知って いる人はみんな良い人達なの で、悪く思われて欲しくないん

編集者: 27年間ずっと安全 管理部なんですか?

古堅さん:いいえ、安全管理 部は17年になります。その前 は、在沖米海軍艦隊活動司令部 と海軍病院にいました。事務所 は違っても、ずっと産業安全衛 生の仕事をしてきました。

編集者:これほど長く安全管 理のお仕事をされてきた理由は なんですか?



古堅さん:人の役に立つこと が嬉しいんですよ。毎日の仕事 をしている中で、みなさんの安 全を守り役に立つことができま す。もう一つの理由は、生物を 専攻したので、産業衛生や危険 物質に関することでその知識が 役立つからです。

Safety officer protects Japanese workforce

In this edition, the Big Circle interviewed Setsuko Furugen, a safety program administrator with the Installation Safety Office.

Editor: Would you describe your job?

Furugen: My primary responsibility is to manage the safety programs for Japanese employees working for the Marine Corps. I coordinate the quarterly meetings of the Japanese Supervisors Safety and Health Committee. I also give safety briefings to all Japanese supervisors to teach them about their responsibility to ensure workplace safety is in accordance with both Japan and U.S. safety and health law. I visit offices to conduct inspections to make sure office furniture and wiring are properly aligned. If a Japanese person suffers an injury at work, I investigate to determine causal factors to prevent recurrence.

Editor: So the scope of your job mainly covers safety measures for Japanese personnel?

Furugen: Yes. However, the Installation Safety Office is responsible for safety matters on Marine Corps bases on Okinawa, so I sometimes assist in programs designed for U.S. personnel. For example, when my office invites a representative from the Okinawa Prefectural Police or Japan Coast Guard to speak to Marines and civilians during the biannual safety stand-down briefing, I coordinate with the Japanese speaker. The JCG addresses preventing water activity-related accidents. The OPP provides presentations on Japanese traffic laws and emphasizes the prevention of drinking and driving.

I hope these briefings remind Marines that they are representing their country. If one Marine makes an error in judgment, that will hurt the reputation of all Marines. I've worked for the Marine Corps for 27 years, and everyone I have known has been very nice, so I don't want them to be seen as bad people.

Editor: Have you been working at the Installation Safety Office for all these years?

Furugen: No, I have been with the Installation Safety Office for 17 years. Prior to that, I worked for the Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa and the U.S. Naval Hospital. Although I have worked with different offices, I have always worked in the field of industrial health and safety.

Editor: What has kept you working in the safety field for

Furugen: I like working for other people. In the course of performing my day-to-day duty, I can help others by ensuring their safety. Another reason is that I majored in biology, and the knowledge is very useful when I deal with industrial hygiene and hazardous materials.

Reader esponse 読者の声



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大きな輪を読んだ感想ですが、この冊子がもっと広まればいいなと 思いました。

軍人の方がボランティアをしていたり、施設の方との交流をしているページを見ると、沖縄県民は基地反対派が多くマイナス面しか見ていませんが、大きな輪に載っているような活動にも目を向けてほしいと思いました。

これからも軍人の方との交流の取材がんばってください。応援しています。

那覇市 新川美波

I read the Big Circle and thought it would be better if this magazine could be read by more people.

The Big Circle showcases stories about service members conducting volunteer activities and interacting with people at nursing homes and orphanages. Many people in Okinawa are against the U.S. military presence, but I want them to pay attention to such activities presented in the Big Circle.

I wish you the best in covering more stories about interactions between service members and local community. I will continue to support the Big Circle.











いつも、楽しみに拝読しています。

個人としては、Jarhead jargonのコーナーが好きです。彼らの考えに関する興味はつきません。今度、機会があれば日本人が贈るお土産では何が本当に喜ばれるのか、本音の所を伺える記事なんかあれば大変嬉しく思います。

千葉県 杉浦明

I always enjoy reading the Big Circle.

I personally like the Jarhead Jargon. My interest in the Marine perspective never ends.

If possible, I would like to read a story about what kind of gift from a Japanese person Marines would really like to receive.

Akira Sugiura, Chiba

編集者より:「人生を変える異文化との出会い」を読ませていただきました。とても感動しました。

これからは、外国人との交流が大変大事な時代になってきます。 そういう立場からも、沖縄は、アメリカの皆さんと交流が出来る最 も恵まれた環境にあります。

これからもよろしくお願いします。

名護市 仲舛高一

I read the editor's note "Encounter with foreign culture can change life." It made a strong impression on me.

Exchanges with people from other countries will be more important in the future. From that point of view, Okinawa offers the fortunate environment where we have a chance to exchange with Americans.

I look forward to future editions.

Koichi Nakamasu, Nago City

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日本語のツイッター始めました! ぜひフォローしてみて下さい。





在沖米海兵隊の政務外交部 (G-7) では、2010年よりインターンシップ・プログラムを設け、随時インターンを募集しています。

インターンは、地域交流、海兵隊セミナー開催、基地視察、政治及びメディア分析などに関し、政務外交部職員の補佐にあたります。また、問題を提起したり、日米関係強化の方法を提言することも期待されます。

期間は、二週間から一学期間および一年間です。 応募資格は、現在大学もしくは大学院に在籍中で、日米 沖関係の向上に熱心な日本国籍の方。また、日本語と英 語の読み書きおよびコミュニケーション能力に長け、両国 語で質の高い研究ができ、日米政治軍事関連の知識を有 する方。

尚、このインターンシップは無報酬のプログラムです。 応募の締め切りは特にありませんが、資格のある応 募者が先着順に採用されます。応募の詳細に関して は、MCBJCommunitypolicy@usmc.mil までEメールで お問い合わせください。

Marines partner with Okinawans, clean-up Henoko Beach

Fumio Iha, community relations specialist and Hiroko Tamaki

Marines and sailors of Camp Schwab voluntarily spent their morning conducting a cleanup at the Matsuda-no-hama beach, which forms the border between Henoko and Camp Schwab, June 8.

Different Marine units have volunteered at the beach for the past 14 years. On this day, 15 Marines and sailors of 3rd Marine Division and 3rd Marine Logistics Group contributed to a beautification project with 30 members of the Henoko Senior Citizen's Association.

"We are very grateful and thankful to those who take time to help us out," said Nobuyuki Kinjo, president of the Henoko Senior Citizen's Association. "I take my

hat off for their hard work and generosity toward our community."

Serving the community is one way for Marines to show the local citizens how much the Marine Corps cares about its neighbors.

"This type of community relations activity is significant for the Marine Corps because it is a way to give back to our hosts," said Lt. Cmdr. Clifford P. Rutledge, Camp Schwab chaplain. "Our presence here can be overwhelming for the local community, so when we serve them through acts of service, we send the message that we appreciate them and want to help improve their community."

According to Kinjo, the beach is used for Henoko's annual Hare or Dragon Boat races, at which Camp Schwab Marines

are always included. This year's cleanup was scheduled a week prior to the one of Henoko's major cultural events.

After they spent two hours removing weeds and collecting debris that had accumulated on the beach, the Marines and sailors assisted a group of women in landscaping work at a small park where senior citizens enjoy playing gate ball and ground golf on a daily basis.

"I enjoyed working with the local residents," said Rutledge. "They were very gracious, and we worked very well together."

In the end, the Marines gathered with their Okinawan hosts for refreshments provided by Yasumasa Oshiro, the Henoko district mayor, and agreed that they look forward to their next opportunity to see the community members.





Marines and sailors from Camp Schwab participated in a land beautification project at the Matsuda-no-hama Beach and nearby park in Henoko with members of the Henoko Senior Citizen's Association June 8. 6月 隊員と海軍兵は、辺野古老人会 と共に松田の浜および近くの 公園の清掃活動を行った。

Marines and sailors from Camp Schwab and a group of women in the Henoko District pose for a photo after a working together on a land beautification project June 8 6月8日、一緒に清掃活動をし た後で写真におさまるキ ンプシュワーブの海兵隊員と

辺野古区の婦人グループ

Volunteers build lasting friendships, memories

Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

Marines on Okinawa are often afforded the opportunity to volunteer with the local community and, on special occasions, put smiles on the faces of those less fortunate.

Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, teamed up with 15 members of the Kinser Chapel to host a sports day and cookout at Camp Kinser for 17 staff members and 30 children from Itoman City's Tai Chu En orphanage July 16.

"We were extremely excited to be invited to spend time with the Marines and enjoy the sports day," said Makio Yamamoto, the director of the orphanage. "While we are regularly invited to Christmas and beach parties, this extra effort to spend time with the children was much appreciated by the staff and especially the children."

Marines with CLR-35 have been building this relationship with the staff

and children from the orphanage for almost 29 consecutive years, according to Lt. j.g. Kristian L. Carlson, the Camp Kinser base chaplain.

The event began with sporting activities for the children, including softball, soccer and volleyball.

"This (sort of interaction) lets the children see something different," said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin J. Compondu, a motor transport maintenance chief with the regiment. "It's important for the young children to see a different side of service members."

After the sporting events ended, volunteers from the chapel gave out drinks and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs while staff from the orphanage fried yakisoba noodles and vegetables.

The menu options gave the children an opportunity to choose from the best of both cultures, according to Compondu.

"It's the little things like drinking a soda with a hamburger that the children don't get to experience very often," said Yamamoto.

The day concluded at the Kinser Aquatic Center, where the children and volunteers cooled off in the pool.

"The goal was simple," said Carlson.

"Join our communities, rally around sports, barbeque, enjoy the pool, and bring a smile to the children's faces. We hoped to leave an indelible memory on them, as we know it certainly left one on us."

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とが多いが、時には、恵まれない はいとが多いが、時には、恵まれない はいまれることもある。 人々を笑顔にする特別な機会に恵 できまれることもある。 スタッフ17人と共に、7月16日、糸 ハンは、キャンプキンザーチャペルの のボ帯第3戦闘兵站連隊の海兵隊員ら スタッフ17人と子供たち30人をス 作っスタッフ17人と子供たち30人をス 作った。 たち 後中園青雲寮の山本牧生施設長 方の した。

ではで、これがあら好きな方をい違う側面を見ることは重要ないです」と述べた。 ジャーツが終わると、チャペルスポーツが終わると、チャペルスパーガーとホットドックを焼び、デャペルを配り、では、アインボンドゥー等軍曹は、子供がよった。

す」と述べた。

JGSDF members meet course challenges

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

Present sword! Order sword! Carry sword! These are a few of the commands that can be heard echoing across the parade deck at Camp Foster during the Headquarters and Service Battalion's corporals course.

However, there was something that stood out about one recent course in particular. There were two students in the course who were not U.S. Marines. They were members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

"We are here to promote the exchange between the enlisted Marines and the enlisted Japan Ground Self-Defense Force ... to understand how the Marines think and operate," said Sgt. Nana Kawada, a medical officer with the JGSDF's 36th Infantry Regiment. "This will assist in the effort to facilitate the coordination during joint training or humanitarian assistance operations."

Despite the language barrier, both JGSDF members were doing well in the course, according to Staff Sgt. Justin R. Straws, the chief instructor of the course and combat engineer with 3rd Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"They are good students," said Straws. "I think they are definitely learning a lot from the course, which they will be able to take back to their units."

Although the JGSDF has a similar course for sergeants, the training for Marine Corps noncommissioned officers is very different, according to Kawada.

"The JGSDF tends to just teach or tell, but the Marine Corps makes you think how to take responsibility, so I think I

would like to take that attitude and philosophy back with me," said Kawada.

The JGSDF members have learned that the course. they have a tremendous responsibility.

"I learned that, in the Marine Corps, corporals take responsibility of their subordinates, and they emphasize taking care of the junior Marines," said Sgt. Hironobu Ehara, an infantryman with the 1st Division Headquarters, JGSDF.

Both were constantly learning from the other Marines in the course and they were not treated differently – they were treated like Marines, accord-

"All the Marines are very helpful," said Ehara. "They are very kind - they really care that I understand what is going on, and they spare their time to make sure we understand everything."

ing to Straws.

The Marines in the course were also learning from the IGSDF members.

"We showed each other exercises that we can use for our units during physical training," said Cpl. Mary E. Bucklin, an ammunition technician with Combat Logistics Regiment 35. "We show them some things they can take back, and they show us some things we can (use)."

The JGSDF members were grateful that they were able to participate in

"On behalf of the JGSDF, I would like to share my appreciation and I am very grateful for this opportunity," said Ehara.

The relationships created during the course will last a long time, according to Straws.

"They all bonded," said Straws. "It has been a privilege to train them. I learned as much from them as they have learned

陸上自衛隊員 海兵隊の伍長訓練に参加

自分より下の兵隊たちの面倒を「海兵隊では、伍長が部下に責

Sqt. Hironobu Ehara, right, executes the present-sword movement at the Camp Foster parade deck Aug. 20 during the Headquarters and Service Battalion's corporals course. Ehara is an infantryman with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 1st Division Headquarters and joined the course for a week.

8月20日、本部役務大隊の伍長コ ースでの訓練中、キャンプフォスタ Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle





MV-22 OSPREY

"An Alliance Capability"

Statement from the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force

"The arrival of MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft in Japan has been the subject of much public interest. The Marine Corps has worked closely with our government of Japan partners to ensure a smooth transition of the aircraft into Japan. The basing and operation of the MV-22 in Japan is an example of the United States' commitment to the Pacific and the importance of the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

Since 2007, the Marine Corps has been continuously using the MV-22 in extreme environmental conditions and during 14 combined deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and aboard amphibious ships. The revolutionary capabilities of the aircraft, combined with basing in Okinawa, significantly strengthens the ability of III Marine Expeditionary Force to assist in the defense of Japan, perform humanitarian assistance and disaster

relief operations, and fulfill other alliance commitments.

Safety is our number one priority when operating our aircraft, to include both the safety of our aircrew and our community. The Osprey has and continues to operate safely in the United States. Senior government of Japan officials have flown safely in Ospreys on both the East and West Coasts of the United States.

It is important to note that when we operate the aircraft, the majority of MV-22 flight operations will be in the fixed-wing mode while the helicopter (vertical take-off and landing or VTOL) and conversion modes will normally be used during take-offs and landings and when the aircraft operates in training areas and landing zones.

As with all our flight operations, to the

maximum extent practicable, we look to avoid over-flight of densely populated areas. Although the aircraft will operate in helicopter and conversion modes as it moves in and out of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma airspace and traffic pattern, all operations will focus on safe execution and minimized noise signatures.

It is important to re-emphasize that the MV-22 has an excellent safety record, as it ranks among the very safest of all U.S. military aircraft when reviewing the key metric of the first 100,000 hours of flight.

Our most valuable relationships are with our community neighbors – we consistently do our utmost to keep our community safe and will continue to do so as the MV-22 Ospreys operate in Okinawa."

- Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr.

MV-22 オスプレイ

「同盟力」

第三海兵遠征軍司令官の声明文



「MV-22 オスプレイ ティルトローター機の日本到着は、国民の関心事となっています。オスプレイが円滑に日本に移行できるように、海兵隊は日本政府の方々と密接に連携を図ってきました。日本における MV-22 の配備および運用は、太平洋地域に対する米国の責任と日米同盟の重要性を示す例です。

2007 年以降、海兵隊では極限的な環境の中、またイラクやアフガニスタンなどへの合計 14 回の配備および揚陸艦への配備など、継続的に MV-22 を使用してきました。オスプレイの革新的な機能と沖縄への配備が合わさることで、日本防衛を支援し、人道支援・災害救助活動を実施し、その他の同盟国としての責務を果たす上で第三海兵遠征軍の機能を大幅に強化します。

航空機の運用にあたっては安全性が最優先事項であり、これには私共の航空機搭乗員と地域社会の両方の安全が含まれます。 オスプレイは、これまでも、またこれからも継続して米国で安全な運用を行います。日本の政府高官の方々が、米国の東海岸と西海岸で安全にオスプレイの飛行を経験されました。

重要なことは、私共が MV-22 を運用する際、飛行の大部分は固定翼モードで行われ、ヘリコプターモード(垂直離着陸) および転換モードは、通常は離着陸の際、および航空機が訓練場や着陸地帯を運航する際に用いられるということです。

私共の全ての航空機の運用と同様に、最大限実施可能な限り、人口密集地の上空通過は避けるように細心の注意を払います。普 天間飛行場の空域および場周経路に出入りする際はヘリコプターモードまたは転換モードで飛行しますが、すべての飛行を安全に 実施し騒音を最小限に抑えることに重きを置きます。

再度強調したい重要なことは、MV-22 は最初の 100,000 飛行時間から得られた主なデータ結果から、米軍の軍用機で最も安全な航空機の一つに位置付けられており、優れた安全記録を保持しているということです。

私共にとって最も大切な関係は、近隣地域の人たちとの関係です。私共は地元地域の安全を確保するために絶えず最善の努力を払っており、MV-22 オスプレイが沖縄に到着しても、引き続き最善を尽くしていく所存です。」

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MV-22 Osprey information

- Safety is a priority for MV-22 operations
 - MV-22 has a safety record that is better than USMC averages, even while conducting training, humanitarian missions and combat operations in challenging conditions
- Benefits of the MV-22 to the alliance
 - Significantly strengthens III MEF's ability to provide for the defense of Japan
 - Provides increased capability during a humanitarian assistance/ disaster relief mission
- Benefits of the MV-22 to Okinawa
 - The MV-22 will fly higher and faster, spending less time over populated areas with overall quieter operations than the CH-46E
- MV-22 revolutionary capabilities a leap forward in speed, payload and range
 - MV-22 combines the capability of a helicopter with the speed and range of a fixed-wing aircraft

オスプレイについて

・安全性はMV-22の運用上優先事項

過酷な状況下で訓練、人道支援、戦闘を行いながらも、米海兵隊の標準値を 上回る安全記録を保持

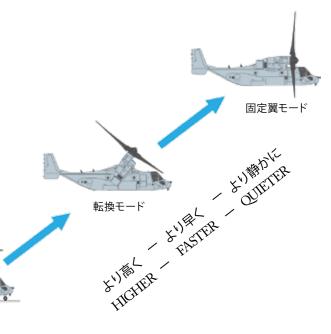
同盟国にとってのメリット

第三海兵遠征軍の日本防衛能力を著しく強化人道支援・災害救助任務の遂行能力を強化

沖縄にとってのメリット

CH-46Eヘリコプターと比べ全体的に音が静かで、より高く、より早く飛行する ため人口密集地域での飛行を減少

・ 画期的な性能 - スピード、搭載量、航続距離において大きく飛躍 ヘリコプターの機能と固定翼機のスピードや航続距離を合わせ持つ



安全性一機能強化一同盟国や沖縄にとって有益

The Marine Corps term "birthday ball" involves neither a round object nor a sports field. The word "ball" can mean a very formal, splendid, large-scale social event that includes dancing, and in Marine Corps circles, the birthday ball marks the birthdate and founding of the Corps.

Marine Corps birthday balls are held annualy to celebrate the creation of the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 10, 1775 by a resolution of the continental congress. The first formal birthday ball was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1925.

The ball is sometimes preceded by a cocktail hour, where guests socialize before taking their seats. During the ball, the Marine Corps birthday message from then Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, the 13th commandant of the Marine Corps is read to the guests. The message is a reminder of the

high name of distinction and soldierly virtue of Marines A video

message by the current

commandant of Marine Corps is also shown

Toward the end of the ceremony, the ceremonial cake is cut. One of the traditions is that the first pieces of cake are offered to the guest of honor and the oldest and youngest Marines present

Sometimes Marines have birthday balls in austere conditions such as Afghanistan or elsewhere.

With many Marines stationed on Okinawa, it is impossible to have all Marines gather at one place. Therefore, Marines are organized by units, or occasionally further by rank, to celebrate the ball on a day close to the Corps' birthday.

Marines don one of their formal uniforms, known as Dress Blues and Evening Dress. Civilian guests come in formal attire, such as a tuxedo or coat and tie for males and evening ball gowns and dresses for females.

Marines cherish the opportunity to celebrate and honor those Marines who have served past, present and future and reflect on their proud 237year heritage.

海兵隊の「バースデーボール」には、球も球場も 全く関係ありません。「ボール」という英語には、 「ダンスを踊ったりする非常にフォーマルで華や かな催し」という意味もあり、海兵隊のバースデー ボールは、海兵隊が誕生した日、つまり設立され た日を祝う催しなのです。

バースデーボールは、1775年11月10日に米国 大陸会議の決議により海兵隊が創設された日を 祝うため、毎年開催されます。最初に正式なバー スデーボールが開催されたのはペンシルバニア 州フィラデルフィアで、1925年のことでした。

バースデーボールが始まる前に、カクテルアワ ーという時間が設けられることもあり、参加者は 席に着く前におしゃべりを楽しみます。バースデ ーボールが始まると、第13代海兵隊総司令官ジョ ン・A・レジューン少将のメッセージが読まれます。 これは、海兵隊の名声と戦士としての美徳を再確

認するもので Birthday Ball す。海兵隊の現総司令官のビデオメットスデーボールする法・すこともあり す。海兵隊の

> 式次第が進むと、お祝いのケーキカットが行わ れます。バースデーボールの伝統の一つとして、カ ットされた最初のケーキは、来賓一名と、その場 にいる最年長および最年少の海兵隊員が食べる ことになっています。

海兵隊員は、アフガニスタンなど厳しい状況の 中でさえバースデーボールを開催することもあり

沖縄に駐留する海兵隊員は数が多いため、いつ ぺんに集まることは不可能です。そこで、部隊ごと に、時にはそれをさらに階級別に分けて、海兵隊 創設の日の前後にそれぞれバースデーボールを 開催します。

海兵隊員たちは、ドレスブルーやイブニングド レスと呼ばれるフォーマルな制服を着て参加し ます。民間人も、男性はタキシードや背広にネク タイ、女性はイブニングドレスなど、正装して参加

海兵隊員にとってバースデーボールは、過去・現 在・未来の海兵隊員の名誉を祝し、237年の誇りあ る歴史を振り返る大切な機会なのです。

Futenma, Ginowan sign first-responder pact

Lance Cpl. Mike Granahan

Atsushi Sakima, the mayor of Ginowan City, and Col. James G. Flynn, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, signed an agreement Aug. 23 allowing emergency vehicles from the city to pass through Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to facilitate faster emergency response times.

The agreement allows emergency services a more direct route to areas of the city during an emergency or natural disaster.

"I think it's important in particular for the residents of Ginowan City in that it will allow emergency services such as ambulances, the fire department and the police department to use a route through Futenma to respond to an emergency quicker than having to go around," said Flynn.

Flynn emphasized that there will be no safety concerns as emergency vehicle operators will be provided an orientation tour of all routes by the Marine Corps fire department, and notification will be given to military police prior to arrival when the vehicle needs access.

The agreement shows mutual respect between MCAS Futenma and the surrounding city of Ginowan because it holds the safety of everyone in the area above

According to Sakima, the agreement is key in building a trusting relationship with MCAS Futenma.

This agreement reinforces the fact that both American and Japanese people all in-

Ginowan City Mayor Atsushi Sakima, right, and Col. James G. Flynn, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, shake hands after signing a mutual agreement Aug. 23 on MCAS Futenma. The agreement allows emergency vehicles from the city to pass through the air station, facilitating faster emergency response. 8月23日、海兵隊普天間基地で緊急車両の基地 立ち入り協定に署名した後、握手する佐喜真敦宜 野湾市長と普天間基地司令官ジェームス・G・フリ ン大佐。Photo by Hiroko Tamaki

habit the same area and should be striving to make decisions that have the best interests of all in mind, according to Flynn.

"It shows that we are good neighbors, we are all here living together, we have shared interests and common goals," said Flynn. "I think this is an agreement that serves as the first step for future agreements that we are currently working on with the city."

Both Flynn and Sakima are excited and outside the gates of MCAS Futenma.

"It is important to negotiate when any challenges or issues come up," said Sakima. "If there is the possibility for cooperation, I would love to work with (MCAS Futenma)."

of coordination and effort to work together on common issues, which is the overall goal," said Flynn.

to have signed the agreement because it increases their level of cooperation, ultimately helping both those who live inside

"I think (the agreement) shows a level

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Okinawans participate in U.S.exercise

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

Residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town participated in a humanitarian assistance evacuation drill here Sept. 12 as part of Constant Vigilance 2012, an annual exercise conducted by Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

CV-12, executed Sept. 10-12 aboard MCIPAC installations, tested and improved natural disaster response procedures through realistic practical applications, including an evacuation drill.

Camps Lester, Kinser, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Kinser Elementary School and portions of Lester Middle School also participated in evacuation drills during CV-12.

"The purpose of the exercise was to make sure that all personnel are protected in the event of a disaster," said Heather L. Huller, the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergency officer for Camps Foster and Lester. "As part of the exercise, the camps assisted the local community with their evacuation to higher ground."

Two evacuation routes on Camp Foster, the northern and southern routes, can be utilized during a tsunami warning, according to Huller. The north route extends from The Spot gate to the Exchange gate, and the southern route reaches from the commissary gate to the Legion gate.

"The gates will be open when the tsunami warning sounds," said Col. Katherine J. Estes, the commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, MCIPAC. "To help facilitate the evacuation, we are working with the local communities to get signs in both Japanese and English."

Tsunami evacuation route signs are standard in the civilian community, and the Marine Corps is working toward standardizing similar signs aboard MCIPAC installations.

"We are acquiring the same types of signs that the local communities use," said Huller. "The (bilingual) signs will help protect many lives, including Japanese residents and military families."

The drill provided the opportunity for approximately 70 Japanese residents and officials to use on-base evacuation routes and rehearse coordination with the U.S. military.

"It is necessary to check the evacuation routes for the safety of the citizens," said Atsushi Sakima, the mayor

of Ginowan City. "The U.S. military bases exist here and we should find a way to work together, especially in times of disaster."

currently unofficial, but local officials and military personnel are working on an official agreement, which will formalize the routes and procedures during an emergency.

culminating event of CV-12, which displayed the Marine Corps' continued commitment to the safety of its personnel and the local community on Okinawa and enhanced MCIPAC's ability to respond to emergencies.

Whether it was practicing communications procedures, standing up the base emergency operations center, or rehearsing an evacuation with local citizens, the goal of CV-12 was to

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increase the ability to save as many lives as possible, according to Huller.





Ginowan City Mayor Atsushi Sakima, left, walks with Japanese residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town on an evacuation route at Camp Foster Sept. 12 as part of Exercise Constant Vigilance 2012. 9月12日に宜野 湾市と北谷町の住民が参加して こ歩く佐喜真敦宜野湾市長。



left, laughs with Col. Katherine J. Estes during a visit to Estes' office at Camp Foster Sept. 18. Noguni and Estes discussed the outcome of an evacuation drill Japanese residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town participated in at Camp Foster Sept. 12 as part of Exercise Constant Vigilance 2012. "I would like to thank you for having the local residents from my town participate in this exercise," said Noguni. Estes is the commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. 9月18日にキャンプフォス 大佐と町長は、9月12日に北谷町と宜野 について話し合った。町長は、「北谷町の 住民を参加させてもらい感謝している

Lance Cpl. Jonathan V. Flores inspects a Humvee to ensure the vehicle is in safe, working condition prior to a convoy Marines conduct regular maintenance on all tactical vehicles to keep them running properly. Marines also perform inspections prior to all convoys on and off base to safeguard against accidents. 海兵護 送の前に車両が安全かつ 正常に機能することを確



Safety first, safety always highlights campaign

1st Lt. Jeanscott Dodd

III Marine Expeditionary Force recently initiated the "Safety first, safety always" campaign to highlight continuous, proactive safety programs throughout III MEF and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

The campaign is not a one-time event but instead is a showcase for the various safety initiatives and accomplishments of III MEF, its major subordinate commands and MCIPAC, according to Jim Maldonado, safety officer, III MEF.

"The scope of this campaign highlights our past and continued safety efforts in all III MEF and MCIPAC activities. We've evolved into a culture of safety that continually looks at processes and programs that improve our safety posture more and more," said Maldonado.

"Safety first, safety always" looks to focus on how the Marine Corps' safety programs positively affect not just Marines and civilian personnel, but the host country as well, according to Maldonado.

"We realize the importance of developing and maintaining trust with our Okinawan neighbors," said Maldonado. "We never forget that we conduct all operations in the public view. We're proud to display our skills and ultimately communicate our dedication to duty and our support of the defense of all residents of Japan."

The campaign's goal is to emphasize the training and safety programs III MEF and MCIPAC units routinely conduct, as well as special events and mission-specific training, according to Maldonado.

"As an example, on July 17, III MEF mandated that all of its units conduct a safety stand-down by Aug. 31," said Maldonado. "The purpose of this safety stand-down is to have all units pause and reflect on key safety issues that directly impact our presence here in Japan. Two specific topics included the safe operation of tactical vehicles on and off base and safe, professional personal conduct at work and on liberty."

An important part of the campaign

is to focus on III MEF and MCIPAC's safety programs pertaining to all personnel and family members away from work.

"We enjoy all the recreational opportunities Okinawa has to offer," said Maldonado. "The importance of conducting ourselves in a safe, respectful manner in the eyes of our hosts is the central concept behind the implementation of programs such as our liberty campaign plan, Okinawa cultural awareness training and our newcomer's orientation.'

"Safety first, safety always" will put the spotlight on safety initiatives and continued dedication to ensuring Marines, civilians and their dependents on Okinawa are responsible members of the community.

"We will continue to focus on further improving our safety efforts with this campaign and other proactive initiatives," said Maldonado. "We value the trust of our Okinawan partners, and their safety will always be our top priority. We are part of a family oriented community. A safe community not only benefits our personnel, but our local community too."

(常に安全第一)

「Safety first, safety always キャンペーン」

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Members of the Japanese Supervisors Safety and Health Committee tour the Camp Kinser laundry facility to ensure the Japanese workforce is provided a safe and healthy workplace that meets Japanese safety and health standards. 日本人従 業員が、日本の安全衛生基準で定められた安全 な職場環境を保証されているかどうか確認する ため、キャンプキンザーの洗濯施設を訪れる日本 人監督者安全衛生委員会の委員



A certified motorcycle rider coach provides an example of how to maneuver through a training exercise during a basic rider course. Motorcycle training is required prior to receiving a SOFA license. 自動二輪車基本研修で、見本を 示す有資格二輪車指導官。研修は、米軍関係者用免許証 を取得する前に受講することが義務づけられている。



A respiratory protection program manager performs a qualitative fit test of respiratory protection on a Marine Corps Base employee. 海兵隊基地従業員のマスクの 品質テストをする呼吸器保護プログラム責任者。Photos courtesy of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Installation Safety

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備えあれば憂いなし

本政府は全国の警報システムの向上に取り組 サイレンで知らせるようになりました。防災グッと入り、米軍関係者の中にも基地の外に住む ズの売り上げが伸びていると報じられているこ 人がいるからです。 とから、災害に備える重要性について一般の人

「備えあれば憂いなし」という諺があります is forearmed (警告があれば警備ができる)」 こらしていけば可能だと思います。 でしょう。

になります。

米軍と周辺地域も、住民全ての安全を確保

昨年の東日本大震災以来、社会全体が自然 する方策の改善に向けて協力しています。災害 災害への警戒を高めているように思います。日 に基地の境界線は関係ないからです。境界線 の両側の人々もまた、日常的に境界線をまた み、市町村も危険がありそうな時はより迅速にいで移動しています。日本人従業員は基地へ

あいにく日本は、深刻な自然災害を経験し 々の認識も高まっていることがうかがえます。 てきた地域にあります。私達は、備えを強化す る必要があります。持てる資源を有効に活用 が、これにあたる英語はおそらく「Forewarned し、互いに助け合うことができるよう、工夫を

今号の「大きな輪」では、災害に備え安全 大規模災害となれば、地域のトップや災害 を確保するための米軍と地域との取り組みを に対処する人たち同士の調整が非常に重要 取り上げています。お楽しみいただければ幸 いです。

Forewarned is forearmed

Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami last year, our whole society seems to be more alert to natural disasters. The Japanese government is enhancing the nation-wide warning system, and municipalities are more expeditious to use sirens to inform residents of the possibility of danger. The sales of disaster kits are reported to have significantly increased, reflecting heightened public awareness about the importance of being prepared.

There is a Japanese saying, "Be prepared and have no regrets," which prob-"Forewarned is forearmed."

Ever since Japan was struck by the saster, coordination among community ingenious ideas to better utilize our releaders and emergency responders is im-

> munities are working together to improve measures to ensure the safety of all citizens as natural disasters in the future I hope you enjoy. won't simply stop at military installation boundaries. Members of both sides cross into each others' communities daily as many Japanese people work on base and some status of forces agreement personnel live off base as well.

Japan is unfortunately in a region that ably is equivalent to the English saying has experienced serious natural disasters. We need to improve our preparedness, When it comes to a large-scale di- and we can do so by constantly seeking

on the cover



Ginowan City Mayo Atsushi Sakima, right, and Col. James G. Flynn, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, pose with the signed agreement that allows Japanese emergency vehicles to pass through the air station. 普天間基地 への日本の緊急車両の立ち入り協定書を 持って写真に納まる佐喜真敦宜野湾市町 と普天間基地司令官ジェームス・G・フリン 大佐。Photo illlustration by Hiroko Tamaki

sources and help each other.

This issue of Big Circle takes a look U.S. Forces and surrounding com- at several recent initiatives between our local and military communities in the area of safety and disaster preparedness.

> The CDC story slated to be included in this edition will be in the next edition. We appreciate your understanding. 前号で予告しました保育所に関する記事は、 紙面の都合により次号に掲載いたします。楽 しみにしてくださっていた方には申し訳あり ませんが、ぜひ次号をご覧ください。

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Fun day pg. 15

A child from the Tai Chu En orphanage throws a ball to a Marine batter at a sports day and cookout at Camp Kinser July 16. Children from the orphanage engaged in different sports, enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, and swam at the Kinser Aquatic Center. 7月16日にキャンプキンザー で行われたスポーツデー&バーベキューで、海兵隊員のバッターにボールを投げる袋中園の子 供。子供たちは、様々なスポーツを楽しみ、ハンバーガーやホットドッグを食べ、キャンプキンザー のプールで泳いだ。Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

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